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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
INTELLIGENCE REPORT

COUNTRY Germany/Russian Zone

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SUBJECT Zentral Werke 3 Shifted from Sommerda to
Sondershausen; equipment Observed at
Sommerda
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SUPPLEMENT [REDACTED]

ORIGIN [REDACTED]

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1. The eastward shipment of workers appears to have halted temporarily at the Zentral-Werke 3 in Sommerda (J39), following the deportation to Russia of Dr. Wilhelm and Dr. German, its directors, and forty-five "practical" engineers. Both directors are said to have gone without signing contracts, but some of the engineers went voluntarily. No wages have been paid at this plant for the past seven weeks.
2. The Russians intend to transfer production to Sondershausen (D11), where for the past three weeks one Halbach has been working in Factory IV on test equipment for A-4's. Halbach formerly was a torpedo specialist in the German Navy with the rank of Lieutenant Commander and is still wearing a German Navy uniform, complete to cockades.
3. There are 400 workers in Sondershausen and an additional (unspecified) number, together with their tools, were shipped there from the "Mechanische Werkstatt" on 7 November 1946. All work in Building 4400 at Zentral-Werke 3 was halted on 11 November. Remaining machinery was to be crated by 15 November, ready for rail shipment. The "Phantom" equipment has already been transferred to Sondershausen, where it will be finished.
4. In the south wing of the V-shaped former "Zylinderhaus", on the ground floor of Building 4202, appliances to hold two different types of fluid tanks are being installed. Two right-angled basins (1.5 x 4 meters and 400 mm high) have been cemented to the floor. Four aluminum pipes, resting on an iron frame, have been set so that the tanks can move freely along their longitudinal axis. The pipes differ according to tank; some are completely round; others have conical ends. The tanks contain drains. It is believed this installation will be used for caustic solutions.
5. The same room contains a pit measuring one meter deep, four meters wide, and six meters long. Ranged along this pit in pairs are four iron masts, 3.5 meters high, with hook-like ends.

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6. Twenty meters to the left of the second bridge within the factory grounds, a great number of rudder parts are stored in boxes measuring 40 x 50 x 120 cm. There are thousands of sharp-pointed profile lids and several hundred steel bands ("Stromliniendurchbrüche") 150 mm wide, covered with felt; the ends of these bands are equipped with vertical bolts measuring 50 mm. These bands were shipped to Sommerda from the former gypsum quarry at Niedersachswerfen.

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- 25X1X [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] states that the stock of material is continually increasing, but does not specify items. It is also reported by [REDACTED] that material is stored in a hall located twenty meters west of the Zeppelinhalle on the eastern edge of the premises.

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7. A recent Russian security measure orders that, in the event of immediate danger, sirens are to be turned on for a prolonged period, during which all Soviet personnel will assemble at the gates and be shipped away. The factory will then be blown up, whether it is operating or not.

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